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after the passage of this act, for and during the term of their natural lives.

Sec. 3. That before the name of any person shall be placed upon the pension-roll under this act, proof shall be made, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, that the applicant is entitled to a pension under the provisions of this act; and any person who shall falsely take any oath required to be taken under the provisions of this act shall be guilty of perjury; and the Secretary of the Interior shall cause to be stricken from the pension-roll the name of any person whenever it shall appear, by proof satisfactory to him, that such name was put upon such roll through false and fraudulent representations as to the right of such person to a pension under the provisions of this act. The loss of a certificate of discharge shall not deprive the applicant of the benefits of this act, but other proof of services performed and of an honorable discharge, if satisfactory, shall be deemed sufficient.

Sec. 4. That the provisions of sections twelve and thirteen of an act entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to grant pensions,'" approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and of sections two, three, and four of an act entitled "An act supplementary to several acts relating to pensions," approved June sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, shall be applicable to the pensions granted by this act; and no law now in existence which in any way conflicts with the provisions of this act shall be applicable to the survivors of the war with Mexico above mentioned, or to be so construed as to deprive them of the benefits of this act.

Claimants will oblige us by sending the name and post office address, of any person now on the pension rolls; we are preparing a list of pensioners and want EVERY NAME upon our roll.

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The Soldier's Reprieve.

Arranged by Mr. C. W. Sanders, from the Union Fifth Reader.

"I thought, Mr. Allan, when I gave my Bennie to his country, that not a father in all this broad land made so precious a gift—no, not one. The dear boy only slept a minute, just one little minute, at his post; I know that—as all, for Bennie never dozed over a duty. How prompt and reliable he was! I know he only fell asleep one little second; he was so young and not strong, that boy of mine! Why, he was as tall as I, and only eighteen! and now they shoot him because he was found asleep when doing sentinel duty. Twenty-four hours, the telegram said—only twenty-four hours. Where is Bennie now?"

"We will hope, with his heavenly father," said Mr. Allan, soothingly.

"Yes, yes; let us hope; God is very merciful!"

"I should be ashamed, father," Bennie said, "when I am a man, to think I never used this great right arm"—and he held it out so proudly before me—"for my country, when it needed it. Palsy it rather than keep it at the plow."

"Go, then; go, my boy," I said, "and God keep you!" God has kept him, I think, Mr. Allan! and the farmer repeated these last words slowly, as if, in spite of his reason, his heart doubted them.

"Like the apple of his eye, Mr. Owen; doubt it not." Blossom sat near them listening, with blanched cheek. She had not shed a tear. Her anxiety had been so concealed that no one had noticed it. She had occupied herself mechanically in the household cares. Now she answered a gentle tap at the kitchen door, opening it to receive from a neighbor's hand a letter. "It is from him," was all she said.

It was like a message from the dead! Mr. Owen took the letter, but could not break the envelope on account of his trembling fingers, and held it toward Mr. Allan with the helplessness of a child.

The minister opened it, and read as follows:

"DEAR FATHER:—When this reaches you I shall be in eternity. At first, it seemed awful to me; but I have thought about it so much now, that it has no terror. They say they will not bind me, nor blind me; but that I may meet my death like a man. I thought, father, it might have been on the battle-field, for my country, and that, when I fell, it would be fighting gloriously; but to be shot down like a dog for nearly betraying it,—to die for neglect of duty! O, father, I wonder the very thought does not kill me! But I shall not disgrace you. I am going to write you all about it; and when I am gone, you may tell my comrades. I can now."

"You know I promised Jennie Carr's mother, I would look after her boy; and, when he fell sick, I did all I could for him. He was not strong when he was ordered back into the ranks, and the day before that night, I carried all his luggage, besides my own, on our march. Towards night we went in on double-quick, and though the luggage began to feel very heavy, every body else was tired too; and as for Jennie, if I had not lent him an arm now and then, he would have dropped by the way. I was all tired out when we came into camp, and then it was Jennie's turn to be sentry, and I would take his place; but I was too tired, father. I could not have been kept awake if a gun had been pointed at my head; but I did not know it until—well, until it was too late."

"God be thanked!" interrupted Mr. Owen, reverently. "I knew Bennie was not the boy to sleep carelessly at his post."

"They tell me to-day that I have a short reprieve, given to me by circumstances,—time to write to you," our good colonel says. Forgive him, father, he only does his duty; he would gladly save me if he could; and do not lay my death up against Jennie. The poor boy is broken-hearted, and does nothing but beg and entreat them to let him die in my stead.

"I can't bear to think of mother and Blossom. Comfort them, father! Tell them I die as a brave boy should,

and that, when the war is over, they will not be ashamed of me, as they must be now. God help me! it is very hard to bear! Good-by, father! God seems near and dear to me; not at all as if he wished me to perish forever, but as if he felt sorry for his poor, sinful, broken-hearted child, and would take me to be with him and my Saviour in a better—better life."

A deep sigh burst from Mr. Owen's heart. "Amen," he said solemnly, "Amen."

"To-night, in the early twilight, I shall see the cows all coming home from the pasture, and precious little Blossom stand on the back stoop, waiting for me; but I shall never, never come! God bless you all! Forgive your poor Bennie."

Late that night the door of the "back stoop," opened softly, and a little figure glided out, and down the foot-path that led to the road by the mill. She seemed rather flying than walking, turning her head neither to the right nor to the left, looking only now and then to Heaven, and folding her hands, as if in prayer. Two hours later, the same young girl stood at the Mill Depot, watching the coming of the night train; and the conductor, as he reached down to lift her into the car, wondered at the tear-stained face that was upturned towards the dim lantern he held in his hand. A few questions and ready answers told him all; and no father could have cared more tenderly for his only child, than he for our little Blossom. She was on her way to Washington, to ask President Lincoln for her brother's life. She had stolen away, leaving only a note to tell her where and why she had gone. She had brought Bennie's letter with her; no good, kind heart, like the President's, could refuse to be melted by it. The next morning they reached New York, and the Conductor hurried her on to Washington. Every minute, now, might be the means of saving her brother's life. And so, in an incredibly short time, Blossom reached the Capital, and hastened immediately to the White House.

The President had but just seated himself to his morning's task, of overlooking and signing important papers, when, without one word of announcement, the door softly opened, and Blossom, with downcast eyes and folded hands, stood before him.

"Well, my child," he said, in his pleasant, cheerful tones, "what do you want, so bright and early in the morning?"

"Bennie's life, please, sir," faltered Blossom.

"Bennie? Who is Bennie?"

"My brother, sir. They are going to shoot him for sleeping at his post."

"Oh, yes," and Mr. Lincoln ran his eye over the papers before him. "I remember. It was a fatal sleep. You see, child, it was at a time of special danger. Thousands of lives might have been lost for his culpable negligence."

"So my father said," replied Blossom, gravely; "but poor Bennie was so tired, sir, and Jennie so weak. He did the work of two, sir, and it was Jennie's night, not his; but Jennie was too tired, and Bennie never thought about himself, that he was tired too."

"What is this you say, child? Come here; I do not understand," and the kind man caught eagerly, as ever, at what seemed to be a justification of an offense.

Blossom went to him; he put his hand tenderly on her shoulder, and turned up the pale, anxious face towards his. How tall he seemed! and he was President of the United States, too. A dim thought of this kind passed for a moment through Blossom's mind; but she told her simple and straightforward story, and handed Mr. Lincoln Bennie's letter to read.

He read it carefully; then, taking up his pen, wrote a few hasty lines, and rang his bell.

Blossom heard this order given: "Send this dispatch at once."

The President then turned to the girl and said: "Go home, my child, and tell that father of yours, who could approve his country's sentence, even when it took the life of a child like that, that Abraham Lincoln thinks the life far too precious to be lost. Go back, or—wait until tomorrow; Bennie will need a change after he has so bravely faced death; he shall go with you."

"God bless you, sir," said Blossom; and who shall doubt that God heard and registered the request?

Two days after this interview, the young soldier came to the White House with his little sister. He was called into the President's private room, and a strap fastened upon the shoulder. Mr. Lincoln then said: "The soldier that could carry a sick comrade's baggage, and die for the act so uncomplainingly, deserves well of his country." Then Bennie and Blossom took their way to their Green Mountain home. A crowd gathered at the Mill Depot to welcome them back; and, as farmer Owen's hand grasped that of his boy, tears flowed down his cheeks, and he was heard to say fervently: "The Lord be praised."

A nervous man, whose life was made miserable by the clattering of two blacksmiths, prevailed upon each of them to remove by the offer of a liberal pecuniary compensation. When the money was paid down, he kindly inquired what neighborhood they intended to remove to. "Why, sir," replied Jack, with a grin on his face, "Tom Smith moves to my shop, and I move to his."

GENTLEMEN who can't tell a polonaise from an apron front will bear in mind the prevailing distinction between a hat and a bonnet. One is worn over the ear, and the other on the nape of the neck.

FOR the matrimonially inclined: If you can not marry the girl you want, take the girl that wants you.

"Is my breakfast ready?" said an impatient young man who was trying to get his morning meal at a beer saloon. "Don't know," said the waiter; "I'll whistle up and see." "Heavens! no; don't do that. I ordered sausage, and if you whistle you'll have the whole lot down."

A Connecticut Jonathan, in taking a walk with his dearest, came to a toll-bridge, when he, as honest as he was wont to be, said, after paying his own toll (which was one cent), "Come, Suke, you must pay your own toll, for just as like as not I shan't have you, after all."

List of Battles of the War of the Rebellion.

We commence in this number the publication of an alphabetical list of the Battles of the War of the Rebellion from authentic sources, to be continued hereafter. It will be pleasant, we hope, for the old soldiers to see again the names and dates of battles in which they or their friends took part.

PLACE.	STATE.	DATE.
A.		
Abbeville	Miss.	Aug. 12, 23, and 25, 1864.
Abb's Valley	Va.	May 8, 1864.
Aberdeen	Ala.	Nov. 17, 1864.
Aberdeen	Ark.	July 9, 1862.
Abingdon	Va.	Dec. 15, 1864.
Abol Pass	N. Mex.	July 3, 1865.
Ackworth	Ga.	June 3 and 4, 1864.
Acton	Minn.	Sept. 2 and 3, 1862.
Adairsville	Ga.	May 17 and 18, 1864.
Adamsville	Tenn.	April 4, 1862.
Aetna	Mo.	July 22, 1861.
Aiken	S. C.	Feb. 11, 1865.
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	April 9, 1862.
Aldie	Va.	October 9 and 31, 1862.
Do	Va.	June 17, 1863.
Alexandria	La.	April 25, 1864.
Do	La.	May 2 to 8, 1864.
Allmoss	N. Mex.	October 4, 1861.
Allatoona	Ga.	October 3, 1864.
Allen's Farm	Va.	June 29, 1862.
Alliance Steamer	Fla.	March 8, 1865.
Alpine Gap	Ga.	September 11, 1863.
Alpine Station	Va.	Jan. 4, 1862.
Altoona Hills	Ga.	May 25 to June 4, 1864.
Amelia Springs, also known as	Va.	April 5, 1865.
Jettersville		
Amite River	La.	March 28, 1863.
Do	La.	March 18, 1865.
Anandale	Va.	Dec. 4, 1861.
Anderson's Crossroads	Tenn.	Oct. 2, 1863.
Anderson's Gap	Tenn.	Oct. 1, 1863.
Anthony's Hill	Tenn.	Dec. 25, 1864.
Antietam, also known as Sharpsburg	Md.	Sept. 16 and 17, 1862.
Antioch Station	Tenn.	April 10, 1863.
Antoine	Ark.	April 2, 1864.
Anxio's River	Tenn.	Oct. 20, 1862.
Apache Canon, also known as	N. Mex.	March 26 to 28, 1862.
Glorietta		
Apache Pass	Ariz.	July 15, 1862.
Appomattox Court-House, also	Va.	April 9, 1865.
known as Clover Hill. (Lee		
surrendered.)		
Arivato Canon		June 8, 1864.
Arkadelphia	Ark.	Feb. 15, 1863.
Arkadelphia	Ark.	March 28, 1864.
Arkansas Post	Ark.	Jan. 11, 1863.
Arkansas River	Ark.	Dec. 18, 1864.
Armstrong Ferry	Tenn.	Jan. 22, 1864.
Arrowfield Church	Va.	May 9 and 10, 1864.
Arrow Rock	Mo.	July 20, 1862.
Arthur's Swamp	Va.	Aug. 29 and 30, 1864.
Do	Va.	Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 1864.
Ash Bayou	La.	Nov. 13, 1864.
Ashby's Gap	Va.	Sept. 22, 1862.
Do	Va.	July 12, 1863.
Do	Va.	July 18, 1864.
Do	Va.	Feb. 18, 1865.
Do	Va.	May 16, 1864.
Ashpool River	S. C.	June 6 to 8, 1863.
Ashland	Va.	May 11 and 30, 1864.
Do	Va.	March 15, 1865.
Ashley's Mills	Ark.	Sept. 7, 1863.
Ashley's Station	Ark.	Aug. 24, 1864.
Ashton	La.	May 1, 1864.
Ashwood	Miss.	June 25, 1864.
Ashwood Landing	La.	May 1 to 4, 1864.
Assault on Fort Wagner	S. C.	July 10 and 11, 1863.
Atchafalaya	La.	Sept. 9 and 10, 1863.
Atchafalaya River	La.	Sept. 7, 1863.
Do	La.	July 23, 1864.
Athens	Ala.	Jan. 23, Sept. 23, Oct. 1
		and 2, 1864.
Athens	Ky.	Feb. 23, 1863.
Athens	Mo.	Aug. 5, 1861.
Athens Ranch	Col.	Aug. 22, 1864.
Atlanta. (See also siege of)	Ga.	July 21 to Aug. 25, 1864.
Do	Ga.	Nov. 9, 1864.
Atlee's	Va.	March 1, 1864.
Attack on transport Crescent City		May 18, 1863.
Attempt on rebel ram Arkansas		July 15, 1862.
Auburn	Ga.	July 18, 1864.
Auburn	Va.	Oct. 4, 1863.
Augusta	Ark.	Apr. 1 and Sept. 2, 1864.
Augusta	Ky.	Sept. 27, 1862.
Austin	Ark.	Aug. 31, 1863.
Austin	Miss.	Aug. 2, 1862.
Averill's raid in West Virginia		Aug. 25 to 30, 1863.
Averill's raid in Southwest Virginia		Dec. 8 to 21, 1863.
Aversyboro, also known as Smith's	N. C.	March 15 and 16, 1865.
Farm		
Avoyelle's Prairie	La.	May 14 to 16, 1864.
B.		
Bachelor's Creek	N. C.	Nov. 11, 1862.
Do	N. C.	May 23, 1863.
Bacon Creek	N. C.	Feb. 1 to 3, 1864.
Bad Lands	Ky.	Dec. 23, 1862.
Bad Lands	D. T.	Aug. 8, 1864.
Bagdad	Ky.	Dec. 12, 1861.
Baker's Creek	Miss.	May 16, 1863.
Do	Miss.	Feb. 5, 1864.
Baker's Springs	Ark.	Jan. 24 and 25, 1864.
Baldwin	Miss.	June 9 and Oct. 2, 1862.
Baldwin's Ferry	Miss.	May 13, 1863.
Ball's Bluff, also known as Ed-	Va.	Oct. 21, 1861.
ward's Ferry, Harrison's Island,		
and Leesburg		
Ball's Crossroads	Va.	Aug. 27, 1861.
Ball's Ferry	Ga.	Nov. 24 and 25, 1864.
Ball's Mills	Mo.	Aug. 28 and 29, 1861.
Baltimore, streets of	Md.	April 19, 1861.
Baltimore Crossroads	Va.	June 29, 1863.
Do	Va.	July 2, 1863.
Barber's Crossroads	Va.	Nov. 5, 1862.
Do	Va.	Sept. 1, 1863.
Barber's Place	Fla.	Feb. 9 and 10, 1864.
Barboursville, also Red House	W. Va.	July 12 and Sept. 15, 1861.
Barstons	Ky.	Oct. 4, 1862.
Barnett's Ford	Va.	Feb. 7, 1864.
Barnwell's Island	S. C.	Nov. 24, 1863.
Barrancas	Fla.	July 22, 1864.
Barren Fork	I. T.	Dec. 19, 1863.
Bartlett's Mills	Va.	Nov. 27, 1864.
Barton Station	Miss.	April 16 and Oct. 20, 1863.
Bastin Mountain	Mo.	Nov. 9, 1862.
Batesville	Ark.	July 14, 1862.
Do	Vrk.	Feb. 4, 1863.
Bath	Va.	Jan. 4, 1862.
Do	Va.	Sept. 8, 1863.
Baton Rouge	La.	Aug. 5, 1862.
Do	La.	Sept. 8, 1863.
Do	La.	March 8, May 3, and
		June 16, 1864.
Battery Huger	Va.	April 18, 1863.
Battle Creek	Tenn.	June 21, 1862.
Baxter's Springs	Ark.	Oct. 8, 1863.
Bayle's Crossroads	La.	Oct. 12, 1861.
Baylor's Farm	Va.	June 15, 1864.
Bayou Barnard	I. T.	July 28, 1862.
Bayou Biddell	La.	Oct. 15, 1864.
Bayou Boeuf	La.	Dec. 13, 1863.
Do	La.	May 7, 1864.
Bayou Bontecaux	La.	Nov. 21, 1863.
Bayou Bordeaux	La.	Nov. 3, 1863.